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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Draft Standing Group Estimate of Soviet Bloc  
Strength and Capabilities - SG 161/13 (U)

References: a. CIA Memo to JCS dtd 27 Feb 60  
b. Agreed Procedures for U.S. Participation in  
NATO Standing Group Intelligence Estimate

Enclosure: Draft Memorandum for Chairman, Joint Chiefs  
of Staff

1. The Ad Hoc Intelligence Working Group (U.S., U.K. and France) convened by the Standing Group to prepare the annual revision of the NATO Standing Group Intelligence Estimate completed its draft of SG 161/13 on 23 March 1960. This draft (IC4/172 - 1st draft) is being forwarded to the three Standing Group governments for comment. The draft will be acted on by the Standing Group after each representative thereto receives his national guidance. The Standing Group usually completes its consideration of the SG 161 Estimate about 1 May.

2. The comments and recommendations of the United States Intelligence Board to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, concerning this draft SG 161/13 Estimate, are requested. The Joint Chiefs of Staff will consider these comments and recommendations along with those of the United States Representative, Standing Group, NATO and will then furnish guidance to the U. S. Representative, Standing Group, concerning the final U.S. position on SG 161/13.

3. In the intelligence conference (AHIWG) to prepare the draft SG 161/13 Estimate it was found necessary to resort to bracket figures in order to accommodate the divergent U.S., U.K. and French views. The significant instances are as follows:

a. Heavy Bomber Inventory. In the U.S. Position Paper, page 70, PART II, Table 1B, the inventory for mid-1964 was 120 heavy bombers with a footnote accommodating the Army and Air Force positions. The draft estimate shows a space within the Table commencing in mid-1961 to accommodate the U.K. position and an expanded explanatory footnote..

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review(s) completed.

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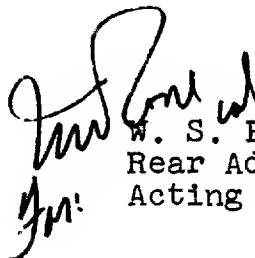
b. G/M Submarines, Conventional Power. The U.S. position, page 35, PART II, has the "G" class submarine leveling off at 18 units in mid-1962. The draft estimate shows this as a span of 18-24 to accommodate the U.K. position and the submarine is considered a "G" or equivalent class.

c. Total under Arms in Soviet Bloc. (U.S. Position Paper, PART II, paragraphs 1, 3, 36 and 46) These paragraphs were rewritten by the AHIWG. The bracket figures of 5.4 to 5.8 million men under arms include approximately one million of the Satellite Armed Forces and 650,000 security troops. The following table shows the differences for the three Services:

	<u>U.S. Position</u>	<u>AHIWG Draft</u>
Army	2,650,000	2.5-2.7 million
Navy	830,000	600,000-800,000
Naval Aviation	(110,000)	(90,000)
Air Force	820,000	790,000

4. The Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff, recommends that the USIB concur in the draft estimate including the accommodations reflected in paragraph 3 above. There were no split views expressed in the draft estimate this year.

5. The Standing Group anticipates that it will have copies of this draft estimate (IC4/172) in the U.S. Central Registry and subregistries on or before 1 April 1960. It is requested that this draft estimate be placed on the USIB agenda for 12 April 1960. It is recommended that USIB, in considering this document, not approve it, but rather concur in its use for NATO military planning. The draft memorandum in the enclosure is proposed if the USIB concurs in the above.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Subject: Draft "Standing Group Estimate of Soviet Bloc Strength and Capabilities, SG 161/13"(U)

1. In accordance with the "Agreed Procedures for U. S. Participation in NATO Standing Group Intelligence Estimate," the United States Intelligence Board has reviewed the draft "Standing Group Estimate of Soviet Bloc Strength and Capabilities, SG 161/13," prepared by an Ad Hoc Intelligence Working Group under Standing Group direction.

2. The United States Intelligence Board concurs in the Estimate for use in NATO military planning and recommends that the Joint Chiefs of Staff authorize the U. S. Representative, Standing Group, NATO to approve the Estimate for such use.

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*Memorandum circulated re USIB-D-21. 2/9, 4 April, but USIB concerned in draft estimate as recommended on 12 April 1960. BCI advised Joint Chiefs of USIB action by memo of 13 April.*

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